

THE POLITICAL HOROSCOPE

Col. W. A. Pledger wants a straight white electoral ticket in Georgia and this is the argument he advances in support of his contention; "In the coming presidential election, the editor-in-chief, who is vice chairman of the republican organization, asks that every leading colored republican will appreciate the great battle before us this fall for the success of our presidential ticket. The republican party is our best friend. Whatever we must expect of legislation, beneficial to the Negro race, must come from that party. White primaries and discrimination generally, are all that we can expect from the democrats. Hence, we must stand by the old party of progress. This being true, we must sacrifice feeling a little, just as the Roman Catholics do to carry strength for a cause. We must have in Georgia a white electoral ticket. There are at least 25,000 democrats in Georgia who will vote for President McKinley this fall with a white electoral ticket, that would not do it if the ticket were mixed. Ordinarily we would oppose such a procedure, but since the electors stand for the president, we must select such men as can get the most votes. Therefore, every republican must in a quiet way bring all the strength he can to the ticket, and with democratic lethargy, we may carry Georgia for our noble leader, President McKinley."

The McKinley and Miles ticket is being well received by the press gang.

The issuance of a proclamation of some kind is about up to Mr. James A. Ross.

The Honorable James Campbell Matthews is showing signs of recurring animation.

Lawyer Thomas L. Jones is getting himself together to enter the race for Congress in Virginia's fourth district.

Is anybody keeping tab on how many colored men are being elected as delegates to the Philadelphia convention.

The downfall of the James Hill dynasty Mississippi leaves the Negro with but one national committeeman.

The professional manipulator who fails to pull off some kind of a "national" convention this year is going to be mighty lonesome.

It is safe to guess that Matt Quay will come again. He once truthfully remarked that while he had taught his contemporaries all they knew, he had not taught them all he knew.

President Sanford B. Dole has been selected as the first governor of Hawaii, and the appointment is approved as the very best guarantee of good government for our mid-Pacific territory.

Dr. George Wellington Bryant, now of Virginia, is spending some time in the city. Those who know the versatile and loquacious Doctor, insist that his visit has some political significance.

The fact that President McKinley promptly fired John B. Wight for insulting the Negro race will be recited with great energy and frequency in the states where the Negro vote figures largely.

There seems to be a determined suspicion that the presence of certain Afro-American gentlemen in Washington at this time is due to the fact

that one Senator James K. Jones has his habitat here.

Dr. Frank Johnson, of Cincinnati, recently a candidate for the Ohio legislature, it has been said from a source of authority that he is to succeed Phillip Dabney as assistant paymaster in the Treasurer's Office of Hamilton County. He called on Dabney the other day and had the duties of the position explained to him.

Joseph L. Thomas, of Harrisburg, Pa., has entered upon his second term as a member of the city council. Mr. Thomas was seriously discussed for the presidency of the council. No better proof of his popularity can be given than the mention of the fact that he received the highest majority given to any member of the present council.

While the Hill-Lynch combine could not hold the Hon. James Hill in the chair of national committeeman for the state of Mississippi, they succeeded in securing a franchise in the Philadelphia convention. The result leaves Register Lyons as the "last of the Mo'icans on the national committee, when by right, the Negro should have six members from the southern states.

Among the appointments made by Gov. Nash, of Ohio, are: Andrew J. De Hart, of Hamilton county, to be a member of the board of trustees of the combined normal and industrial department of Wilberforce University for the term beginning June 30, 1900; also W. A. Galloway, of Greene county, to be a member of the same board beginning on the same date.

William O'Connor, republican candidate for supervisor in the 4th ward of Milwaukee, Wis., who was defeated by W. H. O'Keefe is a brother of James O'Connor, steward at the Plankinton House. The latter ordered the discharge of Wm. Davis, a colored waiter and a white girl for walking half a block together on the street and then had the nerve enough to ask colored men to support his brother. Wm. O'Connor would probably have been elected supervisor, but the colored men snubbed him under. This happened in Milwaukee.

Southern methods of getting rid of the Negro as a political factor are interesting, if for no other reason that they come in an infinite variety of forms. In Louisiana the disability of the grand father is made as the exit route. In Mississippi and South Carolina, it is educational deficiencies. In Alabama it is intimidation. In Georgia the closed primary does the eliminating, and then the Negroes fall out among themselves over a scandal. In Florida the election managers count to suit themselves, and in North Carolina the black man is coaxed into the notion that political participation isn't good for his health. "Negro domination" is a dead issue. The issue now turns upon the question "will the Negro stand for lily white bossism inside the republican ranks?"

The political situation in North Carolina keeps at a white head, and the outlook for trouble is exceedingly bright. The 4th district republican convention was held there May 9 and ended in wild disorder, after the white and black delegates quarreled, and the latter had retired. Prof. E. A. Johnson,

colored, presided as district chairman. The convention was called to nominate delegates to the national convention. The Negroes demanded that one delegate be a Negro, and said if that was not done, they would knife the white republicans by staying away from the polls. Speech after speech was made by the prominent colored men, and they put up strong arguments, and hit straight from the shoulder. Col. James H. Young and Dr. David A. Lane taking the lead. C. T. Bailey, postmaster and J. M. Miliken were elected delegates; F. D. Jones and H. B. Pearson, alternates, all white. The Negroes left, and the white men met and elected one Winslow district chairman and one Giles, of Chatham, member of the executive committee. There may be a contesting delegation chosen by the Young following.

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The General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church convened in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, Washington, D. C., May 2nd. There are 400 delegates in attendance representing every state in the Union, Africa and the isles of the sea. All the Bishops were present.

Bishop T. H. Lomax, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C., presided. After devotional exercises Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., LL. D., Senior Bishop of the Church, was introduced and preached an able

sermon from St. Matt., G. 10: "Ily stand on me, etc."

Bishop Walters received a letter from President McKinley regretting that he could not be present at the opening service, but would visit the Conference some time during the sitting. His communion was administered.

At 3 p. m. H. J. W. Ross on behalf of the District of Columbia welcomed the Conference. Bishop C. C. Potter in a learned and eloquent manner reviewed the history of the primitive Church and compared it with the Church of today, then welcomed the Conference to this district—the third episcopal. The Conference went wild in its appreciation of the Bishop's speech.

At 7:30 p. m. the Rev. A. P. Miller in a cheery speech welcomed the Conference on behalf of the ministers of the city. And Prof. R. H. Terrell in a learned speech in behalf of the public schools of the District of Columbia, welcomed the Conference. There were many responses.

Special mention was made by some of the speakers of Bishop A. Walters, president of the Afro American Council in connection with the work he is doing among the race.

Mr. William Carter, an excellent young man was reinstated in the Government Printing Office a few days ago, and upon the request of Secretary Gage, was immediately transferred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Mr. Carter is to be commended not only upon this deserved vocation, but upon securing a more desirable position than that formerly held under Mr. Palmer.

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